24th July 1953]

Construction of Chennarayaswami Reservoir, Kadiri taluk.

* 1007 *Q.*—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of Chennarayaswami Reservoir in Kadiri taluk will be taken up this year;

(*b*) if so, what is the estimated cost of this minor project;

(*c*) what is the total extent of the acreage of land which may be brought under cultivation;

(*d*) if not, when the investigation was completed for this scheme;

(*e*) when it was included in Part II Scheme for Works; and

(*f*) why it has not been taken up?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) As the proposal is under the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) I's scrutiny and has not yet been received by the Government no assurance can be given now about sanction of the scheme.

" (*b*) The scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 14·12 lakhs for works or Rs. 18,49,360 inclusive of direct and indirect charges.

" (*c*) The scheme, if sanctioned, is expected to bring an extent of 709 acres of dry lands under wet cultivation and an extent of 400 acres under second crop cultivation besides providing assured irrigation facilities to an existing wet ayacut of 416 acres.

" (*d*) By about the end of June 1952.

" (*e*) The scheme was not included in the Part II Scheme proposals for 1953–54.

" (*f*) Because it has not been ready so far."

Report regarding eviction from Government lands in Salem.

* 1008 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether any report has been received from the Collector of Salem regarding the eviction from Government lands of persons cultivating the same for more than ten years?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" In December 1950 the Collector of Salem submitted a report about the encroachments on grazing ground porambokes in Krishnagiri taluk and requested instructions for their disposal. Instructions in the matter were issued to him in May 1951. Subsequently the Government have received reports in two cases of encroachments on grazing ground porambokes for more than ten years. In two other cases, the Government obtained reports from the Collector of Salem on petitions received from the encroachers who had been cultivating Government lands for more than ten years and who were ordered to be evicted."